

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho ranks behind nearly all other states in childhood immunization rates. This legislation seeks to raise those rates in our state by expending use of the Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS) by physicians and other health care providers. By changing the IRIS registry to an opt-out program, more robust information regarding a child's immunization status will be available to health care providers. Parents who do not wish to have their children's data included will still have the right to opt out of the system.

An opt-out IRIS system is more efficient and cost effective because it will require less time and effort to assist the minority of individuals who choose to opt out, rather than go through the consent process for every single patient. In addition, an opt-out system will more readily integrate with existing Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems, and allow providers a greater ability to manage the immunization status of their patients. Currently providers must purchase a unique software patch to connect their EHR systems with IRIS.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the General Fund.

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